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PATENT
Atty Docket No.: 61816-00010**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner required that the provisional election to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 51, 52 and 63-72, be affirmed. The Examiner further contended that claims 69 and 70 claim a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species, and required that Applicant elect a single disclosed species. Applicant hereby elects the medical product species.

In response to the requirement that the provisional election be affirmed, Group I, claims 51, 52 and 63-72, is hereby elected without traverse for further prosecution in this application. Claims 53-62 are accordingly cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

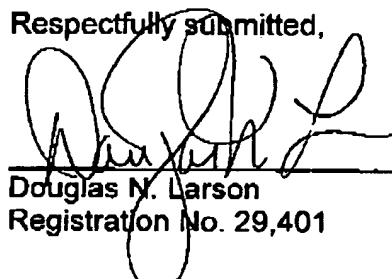
Broadening amendments have been made to claims 69 and 70, and new dependent claims 73-78 have been added. Claims 69, 70, 73, 74, 76 and 77 read on the elected species. Claims 75 and 78 do not.

The title has been amended to better correspond to the elected Group.

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that all of the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is thus in order. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicant at (213) 689-5142 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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